

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: A framework for strategic geographic targeting of the Community Development Block Grant in Indianapolis, IN

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CDBG funds have been shown to effectively catalyze neighborhood revitalization when a critical mass of funds is deployed in a concentrated area. This paper presents a data driven framework to strategically target CDBG funds into a limited number of neighborhoods with the greatest potential for revitalization. This framework takes the needs-based approach of public fund allocation a step further to identify which neighborhoods have the greatest potential for transformative investment according to the neighborhood's existing characteristics. The paper identifies ten distressed Census tracts with the greatest potential for revitalization in Indianapolis, IN.